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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 17-18 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Allison (6262722) in view of Proehl.

As for claims 17 and 18, Allison discloses a schedule apparatus, comprising:

Means (22) for receiving electronic program guide (EPG) information (col. 3, lines 19-34);

means (22) for creating a calendar and displaying the created calendar on a display device (col. 7, lines 59-67);

means (22) for determining whether a date from said calendar has been selected (col. 7, lines 59-67);

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means, responsive to a determination from the determining means that the date has been selected for causing said EPG information which comprises at least program guide information of the selected date to be displayed (col. 7, lines 59-67);

However, Allison discloses that an EPG for the selected date and time is displayed as in Fig. 6 of Allison when a date and time is selected from the calendar (col. 7, lines 59-67), but fails to specifically disclose determining whether a request for the epg information has been made.

Allison further fails to disclose:

accepting an input of user schedule information in which a user is able to edit a personal event or events of the selected day;

accepting a viewing/recording schedule for a desired program or programs;

means for controlling display of the schedule information of the user's personal event or events and schedule information of the program or programs to be viewed or recorded on said calendar.

In an analogous art, Proehl discloses:

Determining whether a request for the epg has been made (col. 2, lines 38-42)

accepting an input of user schedule information in which a user is able to edit a personal event or events of the selected day (user edits broadcast events; col. 8, lines 58-60, lines 7-10);

accepting a viewing reservation for a desired program or programs (col. 8, lines 30-60);

means for controlling display of the schedule information of the user's personal event or events and schedule information of the program or programs to be viewed on said calendar (Fig. 9; col. 8, lines 10-30, col. 6, lines 15-21).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to modify Allison's invention to include the above mentioned limitation, as taught by Proehl, for the advantage of displaying a calendar which displays both reserved programs and personal user events stored on a television receiver.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SUMAIYA A. CHOWDHURY whose telephone number is (571)272-8567. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 9-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Miller can be reached on (571) 272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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